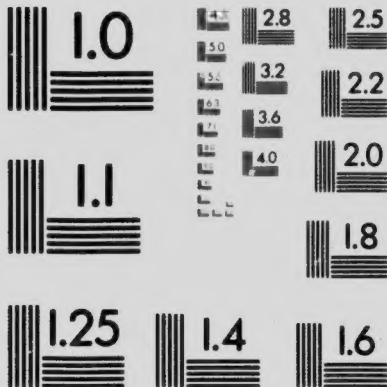


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Some Facts about the General Board of Religious Education of the Church of England in Canada.

1. WHAT THE BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS.

The General Synod is the highest legislative body of our Church. Speaking generally, the work of the Church as a whole comes under its direction. For greater efficiency in the carrying out of its work the General Synod delegates to certain bodies, constituted by itself, special parts of the Church's work.

There are, at the present time, three boards working under the General Synod, and appointed by it for the promotion of three lines of work, namely:

1 The Board of Missions, known as the M.S.C.C., which has charge of the Missionary Work of the Church.

2. The Board of Religious Education, known as the G.B.R.E., which has charge of the Religious Educational Work of the Church.

3. The Council for Social Service, known as the C.S.S., which has charge of the Social Service Work of the Church.

Thus the Board of Religious Education is one of the three General Boards created by the General Synod and charged with a specific task.

It is the logical successor of the Sunday School Commission, the canon, under which the Commission was formed, having been revised at the session of the General Synod held in September, 1918.

II. THE WORK OF THE BOARD.

The work of the Board of Religious Education has been divided into five departments. The scope of these departments may be set forth briefly as follows:

1. The Department of Parochial Education—This Depart-

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ment concerns itself with:—

- (a) Religious Education through the agency of the home.
- (b) Religious Education through the agency of the Sunday School.
- (c) Religious Education through the agency of Bible Classes and Young People's Organizations.

2. The Department of Religious Education in Public and Private Schools—

This Department concerns itself with religious education in public and high schools and in Church boarding schools.

3. The Department of Teacher Training. This Department concerns itself with:—

- (a) The training of teachers and officers in the local School.
- (b) Teacher training in Church Schools
- (c) Training for leadership in Provincial Normal Schools
- (d) Training of students, in our Theological Colleges, in Religious Pedagogy.

4. The Editorial Department.—This department concerns itself with the providing of suitable material for use in the promotion of Religious Education through the other departments and especially the supplying of Sunday School Lesson Helps for Teachers and Pupils.

5. The Lantern, Slides and Supplies Department.—This department concerns itself with the promotion of educational work, through the medium of the lantern, in all branches of the Church's activities, and is a depot for Sunday School and other Church supplies.

III. SOME FEATURES OF THE BOARD'S WORK DURING THE PAST YEAR

1. The Parochial Department.

This Department reports that, through its various committees and councils, it has carried out the following work during the year,

- i It promoted during Lent a successful effort in behalf of Home Religion, distributing over 300,000 copies of the special literature prepared for this campaign.
- ii. It prepared and published special mid-week programmes for older boys, for older girls, and for young people.
- iii. It prepared and issued the Schemes of Lessons for Primary, Junior and Senior Departments.
- iv. It conducted the usual Advent Examinations for Sunday School pupils.

2. The Department of Religious Education in Public and Private Schools.

The work done by this department has been, of necessity, largely of a preliminary character.

- i. It has conducted an investigation as to the nature of the provision made in the several provinces of the Dominion for religious instruction in the public schools, and how far these provisions are being carried out.
- ii. It has gathered information as to the various plans used in different parts of the world to solve the problem of religious education in the schools, with a view to working out some definite policy
- iii. It has gathered and tabulated information as to the course of study in religious knowledge provided in

our Church Schools with a view to arranging, if possible, for a conference of the heads of these institutions to see if some standardization of the work might be arrived at.

- iv. It has worked out a number of recommendations looking to the taking advantage of the privileges at present provided for, and, with a view to co-operating with other communions in securing a more adequate provision for religious instruction in the public schools.

All the information gathered has been published and may be obtained in the complete annual report of the Board.

3. Teacher Training Department.

This Department reports:—

Work in the Parishes.

- i. That it has provided for definite Teacher Training
- ii. That regular courses of lectures in Child Study and Principles of Teaching have been provided for the students of the Church of England Deaconess House.
- iii. That definite courses in religious knowledge have been given to Anglican Students attending the Normal Schools of the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario.
- iv. That the new standard course in Religious Pedagogy, providing for about 45 lectures during the last two years of the student's training, has been introduced into several of our Theological Colleges, while in others shorter courses have been provided.
- v. That it has promoted, in co-operation with the M.S.C.C. and the C.S.S., during the Summers of 1920 and 1921 Summer Schools and Institutes in different parts of Canada, from Prince Edward Island to British Columbia, with an attendance of over 1000

delegates, representing 19 dioceses and over 200 parishes.

4, Lantern, Slides and Supplies Department

This Department reports the following development of its work.

- i. That a change in the methods of operating the Lantern Slide section of this Department has been made.

The Exchange Plan, based upon the membership idea, has been abandoned and a Rental System adopted.

This means that slides, to the number of over 15,000, are now available for all members of the Church, on the payment of the rental rates and express charges.

- ii. That a Supplies section has been opened through which it is hoped to be able to supply, at the lowest rates possible, to Sunday Schools of our Church such equipment as they may require

5. Editorial Department.

This Department reports:—

- i. That satisfactory arrangements were made during the year for taking over the Church Record S.S. Publications and the Institute Publications.
- ii. That an Editorial Secretary, in the person of the Rev. D. B. Rogers, M.A., has been appointed to take charge of the work of this department.
- iii. That, as a result of this action, the first official Sunday School publications of the Church were issued at Advent, 1920.

IV. THE PUBLICATIONS OF THE BOARD.

Besides issuing from time to time, pamphlets dealing with the various departments of Sunday School and other religious educational work, the Board provides regularly the following periodicals for the use of Sunday School teachers and pupils.

1. For the Primary Department.

The Child's Own Weekly Story Paper containing, in addition to general story material, a story on the lesson.

Large coloured wall pictures illustrating the Sunday Lessons.

Pupils' Small Cards. (Coloured reproductions of the wall pictures.

2. For the Main School.

For Schools using the Graded Lessons (different lessons for Juniors and Seniors).

A Junior Leaflet called "The Institute Leaflet-Junior." (Weekly edition with Story Paper. Monthly edition without Story Paper.)

A Senior Leaflet called "The Institute Leaflet-Senior Graded." (Weekly edition with Story Paper. Monthly edition without Story Paper.)

For Schools using Uniform Lessons. (One lesson in entire main school).

A Junior Leaflet called "The Institute Leaflet-Junior." (Same as above.)

A Senior Leaflet called "The Young Soldier and Crusader." (Weekly edition with Story Paper. Monthly edition without Story Paper.)

3. For Bible Classes.—A Young People's and Adult Bible Class Magazine.

4. For Adults.—For use in the Home and Bible Classes.

A Home Department Quarterly.

5. For Teachers.

A 48 page Monthly Magazine, containing:—

Interesting and helpful articles on general Sunday School Problems.

A Treatment of the Lessons for the Primary Department.

A Treatment of the Lessons for the Junior Main School Department.

A Treatment of the Lessons for the Senior Main School Department, where one lesson is used in the entire Main School.

A Treatment of the Lessons for the Senior Main School Department, following the Departmentally Graded Course of Lessons.

V. THE BOARD'S BUDGET.

For the general work of the Board, there will be required for the next year the sum of \$15,000.

In this connection it should be noted that no part of the money contributed through the Forward Movement to the work of the Board of Religious Education, can be used for this general work, as it is designated specifically for the development of the Publications and for Field Work.

As the future of the Church depends upon the making of adequate provision for the teaching and training of the young life, we urge upon each member of the Church to do his part by contributing regularly to its educational work, as represented by the Board of Religious Education.

"Religion, like everything else of value must be taught. It is possible to get more religion in industry and business, only through the development of Christian Education and literature. With the forces of evil backed by men and money, systematically organized to destroy, we must back with men and money all campaigns for Christian Education'."

